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To whom it may concern,

The proposed Microsoft settlement represents everything that is wrong in today's economy. Here is a company that destroyed so many company's along the way that I lost count. The settlement was to send a message that monopolistic practices in a competitive free market system are wrong. Instead the settlement for all intent and purposes proposes that we hand over the public school computer business to Microsoft, an area that has been traditionally the strong hold of Apple. Apple didn't get it handed to them, they earned it by working hard over the last 20 years.

The settlement should be simple. Strip Microsoft of half it's wealth and put that x amount of billions in a software/hardware grant system that companies could then apply for. I for one can't even imagine where we could be in the next 5 - 10 years.

Above all else companies need to feel free to develop products without Microsoft looking over there collective shoulders.

Sincerely,
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